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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Health Policy (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 21 - 31

and insert:

the agency shall assume that there is a need for one additional hospice provider in that service area to promote competition.

When approving any such additional hospice, the agency must give preference to hospice organizations that operate one or more licensed hospices in Florida and whose operating entities are Florida corporations registered to do business in the state. The inpatient hospice care component of a hospice which is a



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12 freestanding facility, or a part of a facility, which is
13 primarily engaged in providing inpatient care and related
14 services and is not licensed as a health care facility shall
15 also be required to obtain a certificate of need. Provision of
16 hospice care by any current provider of health care is a
17 significant change in service and therefore requires a
18 certificate of need for such services.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.

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21 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

22 And the title is amended as follows:

23 Between lines 5 and 6

24 insert:

25 requiring the agency to give preference to certain
26 hospice providers;

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